

A message from your

Forest Ridge Board of Directors:

Happy Spring to all residents! The new playstructure is completed, the weather is getting nicer, the pool is open, and summer is right around the corner. A few reminders for all:

- Please keep pets off of the new play structure and the surrounding mulched areas.
- Remember the pool rules and be safe!
- Please clean up after your pets in ALL areas of the neighborhood (other residents yards, Hike & Bike trail, sidewalks, etc.)
- Observe the SPEED limit on all Forest Ridge roads.

With that said, I hope all Forest Ridge residents have (had) a great Spring Break and an even better upcoming Summer!

Nelson Sturdivant, President, FRHOA Board of Directors



Easter Egg Hunt



The Annual Forest Ridge Easter Egg Hunt will be on Sunday, April 1, 1:30 pm, in Cabana area. Children are invited to attend. Age groups are:

4 and under / 5-9 / 10-12

Please register by March 28th. It is very important for the Activities Committee to know the number of children participating so as to have enough eggs for all. This year you will check in at the table and be asked to line up in your age bracket. Parents will only be able to assist the youngest group. We ask that if your child gets their assigned number of eggs they should then come back and stand in line to receive their gifts.

Volunteers are still needed. Contact Margaret Kirk, 651-9883. Refreshments will be served. Hope to see you there.



HUMMING BIRDS ARE BACK EARLY THIS YEAR

Need a quick and easy way to feed your hummingbirds? Use 1 cup of water and 1/4 cup sugar. Bring to a boil. Cool and serve. Doesn't have to be red to attract them. They seem to be here early this year!



BLOCK CAPTAINS NEEDED

We need Block captains for:

• **Summit Hill**
A block captain is called upon 3 or 4 times a year and is asked to drop off newsletters to neighbors on your street. They also report new move ins to the Welcome Committee chair. Please get involved in your community. Contact the Activities Committee: forestridgeoa+activities@gmail.com

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CALENDAR

- **Annual Meeting –Not yet determined-notification will be mailed out.**
- **Easter Egg Hunt, April 1, 1:30 pm, please register by March 28**
- **Garage Sale:**
May 5, 8 am-4 pm
Rain date:
May 12, 8 am-4 pm



• August 6 "Born Standing Up" Steve Martin



Your POOL 2012



The pool is up and running for another great pool season! The 2nd annual polar plunge was a success- despite the cloudy and chilly weather we had 9 brave plungers. If you haven't made one yet, put it on your calendar for next year! The hot chocolate and pastries help keep you warm!

Our pool opens every day at 6:00 a.m. and closes at 10:00 p.m., except for Friday and Saturday nights when it's open until 11:00 p.m. If you have lost your pool card or are a new resident, contact Spectrum at 494-0659 for your card. Our cards are magnetic and we are able to track when they are used, so please do not loan yours out. If you lose yours, contact Spectrum so it can be deleted from the system. This helps ensure only residents are entering our pool. The time stamp feature is nice and also help us track down any incidents that may occur at the pool.

As a reminder our FROA pool does not have a lifeguard. It is intended to be a resident only family- oriented pool. Our pool rules are posted inside the cabana and are online on our website. When your pool card is issued, you sign a form agreeing to abide by the rules, and your card can be revoked by the BOD at their discretion. So, please review the rules and go over them with your children, especially those who may be tempted to enter the pool with their friends without an adult. They will be asked to leave and the BOD will be notified. Our BOD has

chosen a "3 strikes you're out" policy with entries made without adult supervision. And they do enforce by revoking card privileges. For youth who do not have someone 18 to supervise them, the better pool would be the Schertz city pools. See the Schertz website for when they open.

As always, the main focus and concern for the pool committee is the safety of all who use the pool, especially the children. NO DIVING is allowed, feet first entry only. NO RUNNING. SWIM DIAPERS ONLY - we have to close the pool whenever we have a contamination issue so please use the swim diapers.

Pool parties are allowed with BOD permission for residents in good standing. You can schedule a pool party by going to the FROA website to contact the pool chairman by email or phone, the forms are also online. For any pool related questions, you can email the pool chairman at any time. The pool committee always welcomes new members and we are open to all ideas to help improve the FROA pool.

Reminder, the FROA pool is owned by all the residents, when you observe behavior that goes against the rules (language, rough, dangerous play), it is certainly within your rights to ask for the behavior to be modified while you are there. If you get no response, then note the time/date it occurred and contact the BOD or the pool chairman. The BOD will follow up as warranted.

Let's have a great pool season!

Forest Ridge Polar Plunge 2012

The second Annual Forest Ridge Polar Plunge took place on Saturday, March 10th. This officially opened the Pool Season and temperatures were cold and rainy. Didn't stop the dedicated and brave kids that jumped in to celebrate Spring season. Refreshments were served following the daring plunge and everyone enjoyed themselves. Thanks to Alice Pfeiffer for the organization of this event. There is talk of a block to block challenge for 2013. Be a part of it!!!



We survived!!!

EMAIL LISTINGS

Do we have your correct information? We want to keep you informed. If you have changed your email or haven't submitted one please contact the Activities Committee at: forestridgeoa+activities@gmail.com

We get several failures to deliver and Over Quota messages when sending out email blasts. Please keep us up to date on you address. Thanks.

New to the Neighborhood? Got Kids? Need some Ideas to get Started?

The Forest Ridge Runner has been talking to the neighborhood ladies and has come up with a story that may help. A fairly new resident submitted some information that we hope you find valuable,

TODDLERS ABOUT TOWN!

By Markee Burgos



My family moved into the neighborhood two years ago and with two toddlers, I (mom) set out on a mission to find things to keep them busy, and me sane! I was new to the area and my greatest resources turned out to be San Antonio Kid's Directory, which is a free monthly magazine you can pick up at any child friendly place about town, and a sense of adventure. I'd like to share with you what I've learned so maybe you can jump right in, keep your kids entertained, maintain your sanity, and have a little fun as well.

First of all, you have moved into an amazing neighborhood with all the resources you could need right here within the gates of Forest Ridge! We are so lucky to have a new park and an amazing pool. I'd suggest starting there. All it takes is a friendly hello. I have made so many friends with other moms in the neighborhood that I met at the park or the pool. It all started with "hello". People around here are so friendly and other moms crave the same things you do.....someone to have playdates with and another adult to talk to! I have weekly playdates with moms I've met in the park or at the pool all because I said hello.

Here is a list of places I've discovered so far (some nearby and some farther away, but worth the drive). Please google the contact information and for directions.

- Inflatables Wonderland, Rolling Oaks Mall, is a great place to take kids of all ages to burn some energy. It is a huge, indoor playground of inflatable jumpy castles for the kids to run wild and jump around on to burn lots of energy. Parents can sit and read a book, talk or connect to free WiFi while the kids act as wild as they want without fear of injury.
- McKenna Children's Museum, New Braunfels, is another indoor play facility that young children love. There is an art room, science room, and many different play areas, such as a grocery store, hospital, camp site, and many more. There is a nice cafe to eat lunch there. You can really make a day of it. Again, parents can relax a little and sit back and watch their children play or you can interact with them. Whatever mood you are in.
- Gymkids by Aerial Athletics, past Wal Mart on 3009, has open play on Friday mornings from 10:00-11:30. It costs \$5 a child and is worth every penny. The kids can go wild, jump on trampolines, play on mats, swing on bars, walk on beams, etc. It is more work for you, but worth it when they are sleepy at nap time!
- Schertz Family YMCA, located between 3009 and Schertz Parkway, has a wonderful childwatch area and offers to watch your children, free of charge for up to two hours, while you work out. This is only if you are a member of course. They also offer great ballet, soccer and basketball programs for kids of all ages. They have a water park area and tons of other fun activities, such as a playscape and rock wall, for kids to enjoy at any given time. It is a fun, family place for sure.
- Schertz Public Library, off Schertz Parkway, has many activities for young ones. They have reading circles and computer activities. Google the calendar to check out the events going on each month. The library is brand new and has an amazing children's wing!
- San Antonio Zoo, located off Hwy. 281 North, is a bit farther away, but worth the drive. It is a lovely zoo with many things to do and see. I highly recommend it on a pleasant Spring or Fall day.
- Seaworld San Antonio, off Hwy 151, is a bit of a drive, but there are lots of things to do and see for sure. They even have season passes. Again, it does get hot here, so I would suggest going in the cooler months.
- Schlitterbahn, New Braunfels, is great for those hot summer days. There is an area called Kinderhaven, which is specially for families with small children. There are lots of fun things for them to play on safely in the water. Season passes are available.
- Young Chefs Academy, off 1604 and Stone Oak Parkway, is quite a drive, but worth it if your kids like to cook. They have weekly class packages or you can buy a class at a time. Reservations are required. The classes are about an hour and you can sit back and observe your little one cooking up some fun....and relax a little while someone else deals with them! Ha! You also get to eat what they cook!





TODDLERS ABOUT TOWN! (Continued)

- The Royal Canvas, off Broadway Street, is in the neatest area of town! You can drop your budding artists off for an hour and half and head out to shop and dine at the neat local stores on Broadway. Central Market is next door so you could do some grocery shopping as well. I can't say enough about this quaint little art studio. My kids love it! I love having their artwork to hang in the house as keepsakes as well.

There are a few Gymboree Classes in San Antonio that I used to take my kids to when they were under two. The closest one to us in off Hwy 281 South. It was quite a drive every week, but my kids loved the classes and I enjoyed exploring that area of town after the class was over. They offer an open play day free of charge if you sign up for a class. So I would take my kids twice a week. It gets you out of the house and interacting with your kids and other moms!

I have heard Six Flags Fiesta Texas is a fun place to take the kids for the day as well. I haven't ventured there yet, but plan to in the near future. I just wanted to include it because it is a fun place we have right here in San Antonio to take advantage of.

Love To Swim And Tumble, right in front of Wal-Mart on 3009, is a great indoor place to take kiddos to learn to swim or have some fun taking a tumbling class. They offer day and night classes to fit many schedules.

Artworks Art Studio, two locations, each one quite a drive, offers open art classes for \$5!!! They set up many art stations with instructors on hand and your child goes from station to station while you relax a little. They have a blast while you veg out! Google for open art times and locations.

Play Today Drop In Daycare, located across the highway from HEB, is an amazing place to drop the kids, at your whim, whenever you need a break, have an appointment, or need to run an errand. You pay by the hour. Stop by and talk to Christi, the owner, and she will fill you in. They do require shot records. There are also age restrictions. My kids love to go play there!

There are certainly many more fun things to do than I have listed here or even know about. I hope this helps you out a little. Welcome to the best neighborhood in Schertz! I also hope that if you see me in the park you will say hello! I will be the mom who is sitting on the bench, zoned out, no make up, sweats, uncombed hair in a ponytail, watching my three and four year old daughters as they say hello to everyone in the park!!

Just Some Reminders:

1. Pets are wonderful and we know you love yours BUT your pet's waste isn't someone else's problem. Please clean up after your pet. Please be reminded that your pets are not allowed to run free in the neighborhood.
2. Kids eat while waiting for the bus. Please ask your children to dispose of their garbage properly. Neighbors living at bus stops don't need their trash. Remind them to put their wrappers in their back packs and dispose of them at school.
3. Yard Maintenance-Spring is here and we all are working in our yards. Remember if you are making big changes such as cutting down trees, adding landscaping, etc., please have your changes approved by the ACC.
4. Volunteers always needed for all committees-contact any board member for information.

Newsletter Committee

If you are interested in getting involved in writing, editing or any phase of producing this newsletter please contact the Newsletter Committee at:

forestridgeoa+newsletter@gmail.com

We would like anyone to submit any feature stories for publishing. If you have one please let us know.



Forest Ridge Trail

The Forest Ridge Trail runs right behind homes off of Weiderstein. There have been complaints of ATV's and motor cross bikes being ridden back there and that there is a lot of noise and destruction of the trail. FR has contacted city officials and they have informed us that the FR Trail is in a designated City of Schertz Park. As such there is an ordinance that **prohibits** motorized vehicles off road in ALL city parks. If you see any vehicles (other than city park Mowers or maintenance vehicles in Forest Ridge Park, notify the City of Schertz Police Department as soon as possible.

